DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immgration and Naturalization Service [INS No. 2032–99]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction of an International Border Fence and Roads in San Diego, California

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY:

Proposed Action

The Immigration and Naturalization Service will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the construction of a secondary fence and patrol roads along the United States/ Mexico border in the vicinity of San Diego, California. Related infrastructure includes north/south gate access, maintenance corridors, lighting, and remote video surveillance components. these actions are intended to gain and maintain control of the border to further prevent the influx of illegal entry and drugs into the United States.

Prior National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, developed to address those project portions which have been previously constructed, will be incorporated into the DESI by reference. Direct project impacts of the remaining portions of the project, as well as cumulative impacts of the comprehensive project, will also be addressed. Pursuant to the Council on environmental Quality's regulations, a scoping process will be conducted. As part of this process, a public workshop/ open house will be held to identify issues of concern for analysis during the NEPA process.

Alternatives

Alternatives to be covered by the DESI will include various alignments and configurations within the narrow geographic scope dictated by the international border. Other alternatives (to include the required "No Action" alternative) identified will also be fully examined.

Scoping Process

During the preparation of the EIS, there will be numerous opportunities for public involvement, including scoping and review.

DEIS Preparation

Public notice will be given in the **Federal Register** concerning the

availability of the DESI for public review and comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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Notice of the Fiscal Year 2000 Missing and Exploited Children's Program Proposed Program Plan

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Justice.

ACTION: Proposed program plan for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is publishing its Missing and Exploited Children's Program Proposed Program Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 and soliciting public comment on the overall plan and priorities. After analyzing the public comments on this Proposed Program Plan, OJJDP will issue its final FY 2000 Missing and Exploited Children's Program Plan.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by March 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be mailed to Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 810 7th Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Missing and Exploited Children's Program is administered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Pursuant to the

Juvenile Justice and Delinguency Prevention (JIDP) Act of 1974, as amended, Section 406 (a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5776, the Administrator of OJJDP is publishing for public comment a Proposed Program Plan for activities authorized by Title IV of the JJDP Act, the Missing Children's Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5771 et seq., that OJJDP proposes to continue in FY 2000. Taking into consideration comments received on this Proposed Program Plan, the Administrator will develop and publish a Final Program Plan that describes the program activities OJJDP intends to fund during FY 2000 using Title IV funds.

OJJDP does not propose any new Missing and Exploited Children's programs for FY 2000. No proposals, concept papers, or other types of applications should be submitted.

Background

For the purposes of Title IV, the term "missing children" refers to children who have been abducted by either a family or nonfamily member and includes children who have been abducted within the United States and those who have been abducted from the United States to a foreign country. The term "child exploitation" refers to any criminal activity that focuses on children as sexual objects and includes sexual abuse, child pornography, and prostitution.

The issues involving missing and exploited children are complex and diverse. Since 1984, OJJDP has supported a variety of research projects designed to provide the knowledge needed to make informed policy decisions and meet the information needs of the field. These projects include the first National Incidence Study of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, or Thrownaway Children (NISMART); Abduction Homicide Investigation Solvability Factors; Obstacles to the Recovery and Return of Parentally Abducted Children; and the Missing Children and Criminal Justice Response to Parental Abduction Cases. This research indicated that abduction and exploitation can have a devastating impact on children and families. Lessons learned from research also provide the basis for this proposed program plan.

A decade ago, NISMART (1988) provided valuable data on family and nonfamily abductions and on child exploitation. The following are some of the major findings at that time: an estimated 354,100 family abductions annually; between 3,200 and 4,600 short-term nonfamily abductions reported yearly to law enforcement; an estimated 114,600 attempted nonfamily